

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of application Serial No. 09/917,876, filed on July 31, 2001, which is a division of Application Serial No. 09/311,055, filed on May 14, 1999 (now U.S. Patent 6,297,549, issued October 2, 2001). Claims 15-19 are present in this application. Claims 1-14 are canceled by way of the present amendment.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is in order, and an early and favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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